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THE ARMED **GUARDS ON** THE CARS

Judge Wickham Makes a Strong Denial.

HE NEVER ADVISED THEIR PRESENCE

He Gives Out a Letter from Capt. A. B. Guigon.

HENRICO'S AIR IS FULL OF CHARGES

All Kinds Are Made, but Only One o Them is of a Serious Character. Different Views in Regard to the Clerkship-A Fierce Fight for the Office of

County Treasurer.

One of the chief features of the politica compaign that is now stirring Henrico county to the depths is the string o brought by opponents against of the prominent candidates. In two cases the allegations are desensational in their character, and when they are made in open meeting, as

Among the late developments in this connection is the issuance by Judge T. Ashby Wickham, candidate for the Hous of the county making flat denial of cer-tain reports circulated concerning him

strike.
Since much resulted from the presence of these armed guards and since the questions of law involved were grave ones, the charge was serious. Judge Wickham denies it absolutely. He says:
To the People of Henrico County:
I wish to deny emphalically, as being without any foundation in fact the report which. I am informed, is now being circulated in the county, that I at any time, or through any of the officials, advised the Richmond Passenger and Power Comor through any of the official and Power Com-pany to place armed men upon its cars. The only conversation I had on this mat-ter with any official of the company was with Mr. Guigon. What passed between us on this point is substantially and accutated in his letter below.

Letter From Captain Guigon.
Following the above, which is signed by
judge Wickham, is a letter from Captain

on:

ar Judge,—I understand that it has
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stated in the county that upon the
lng of the charges against Sheriff
mon, I testified substantially to the
it that you had advised the company
ace armed guards upon its cars in the
lity, and that the idea was so abhorto the officials of my company that the officials of my company that ist declined to follow your advice st declined to lond you adverted to assure you that I o such testimony, nor, so far low, did any one else. Indeed, I yeer heard in any of the conferhat the officials of the company

would have stated the facts coming within my knowledge, as follows:

Several weeks before the strike, and seeing that a seemed unavoidable, I, as one of the law department of my company, went to see you to ask the appointment of a number of guards as special police agents, stating to you that, in view of possible disorder at the heands of the wiser element of the community, and the lawless element of the community, and the

of possible disorder at the heands of the lawless element of the community, and the company and the company in the resources of the county, it seemed to us destrable that our guards should be duly constituted law officers and conservators of the peace, so that the moral effect of their presence would be increased and possible disorder and bloodshed prevented.

You replied that you were willing to appoint as police agents any but a few of our own regular employes, and you declined to appoint any of the guards as requested. You limited me, at the time, to some six or eight, and afterwards declined to appoint more than six at that time, and those appointments you subsequently made. You stated that it would be impossible, with the limited resources of the county, for it to supply guards for our cars an transit over our lines, but assured me that the county authorities would afford the fullest possible protection to our barns and other property situated in the county; and after talking ever the matter very fully, you said that, in your opinion, the best pain for the company to pursue would be for us to place discreet men to guard the company's barns situated in the county, and arm them so that they could repel any attack that might be made, until the sheriff cauld summon sufficient officers to give ample protection.

Very truly yours,

A. B. GUIGON, Essistant Counse.

Very truly yours,
A. B. GUIGON, Assistant Counsell

A Serious Charge.

This is but one of many of the rumors that have been set in motion. The air is full of them, and as the primary draws near they multiply at a marvelous rate. Among the cloud of candidates for con-

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CHOOSING A FLOWER.

NEW WORK FOR NEGROES

Coming.

WILL INCLUDE VIRGINIA

Appointments Have Already Been Made to Belmeade-French Bishop at the Head of the Order Experiences Surprise at Conditions.

Considerable interest is taken by Cath olics here in the announcement from the North that another society of Catholic is to begin work among the ne-

to the strike. I was then asked if Sheriff Solomon was present on any or all of those occsions, and I replied tht he was not present on any occasion, whereupon that branch of my examination was dropped, and I am surn your name was not further mentioned by me. I could not have itestified in the way indicated, because no such conversation ever occurred.

If I had been permitted to testify, I would have stated the facts coming within my knowledge, as follows:

Rev. Alexander Le Roy, of Paris, is the superior-general. Bishop Le Roy has superior-general. Bishop Le Roy has upperior-general. Bishop Le Roy has apperior-general. Bishop Le Roy has to must be superior-general. Bishop Le Roy has apperior-general. Bishop Le Roy has apperior-general. Bishop Le Roy has upperior-general. Bishop Le Roy has alreading the full action for the complete a tour of this country. While here he visited Richmond and Virginia, his arrival being duly recorded in the paper at the time. As a result of his frip he will at once begin among the total field in the way indicated, because no testified a tour of his country a work similar to that he has conducted elsewhere. The priests under him will enter a number of States including Virginia, to which place he has already made an appointment. The

Fathers of the Holy Ghost Are

NEWSPAPER EDITOR FOUND DEAD IN BED

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., August 22.-H. P Ricketts, editor of the Memphis Scimitar was found dead in his bed at the Kaiserhof Hotel here to-day. He had been ill for several days, and under the care of a local physician. His condition was not regarded as critical, and his unexpected demise is attributed to heart disease.

(By Associated Press.)
'MEMPHIS, TENN., August 22.—H. P. Ricketts, associate editor of the Scimitar, was widely known in newspaper circles throughout the South. He was born in Louisiana forty years ago, and was educated in southern schools. He sorved on newspapers in different parts of the country until the Scimitar was established fourteen years ago. He leaves a widow

SENSATIONAL ARREST IN SPOTSYLVANIA

GORMAN IS NOT THE MAN

Won't Do for President, Says William J. Bryan.

WITH ORGANIZED WEALTH

Under Him, Says the Editor of The Commoner, No Reforms Would Be Possible-Treats of the Race Problem.

he Commoner of this week, comes out in the open in opposition to the sugges ion that Senator Gorman, of Maryland should be made the Presidential nomined of the Democrats in 1904. He says:

we must have 'the confidence of the business interests of the country.' and again he speaks of 'the substantial interests of the country.' In the fight now being waged between the masses and organized wealth. It is evident that Senator Gorman's sympathies lare with arganized wealth. What reforms woud be possible under his leadership? None; absolutely none. He even endorses the Aldrich bill, which provides for the loaning of gorernment money to the national banks. Ho wants it so mended that the Baltimore banks will get a share, but he has no objections whatever to the plan. His interview shows that he is not in sympathy with the rank and file of the party on a single question. His selection as Democratic leader in the Senate was a great mistake on the part of the Democratic Senators and a great misfortune to the party at large. His nomination to the Presidency is not to be thought of. He would, if made the standard-bearer, poll a million votes less than a ticket with no name at all on it, for with no nominations made there would still be a hope that the electors would find some-body who stood for something. Who will be the next reorganizer to expose his weakness to public gaze?".

Bryan, in the Commoner, also enters into an exhaustive discussion of the race problem and recent mob violence. He charges the Republicans with stirring up race antagonism in order to keep the black vote solid. He says the trumpet flourishing appointments of negroes by Roosevelt excites race prejudice ten times as much as was the case under McKinley. the bark he wished. All chemod and Vision is being a control of his paper at the line, a a result of his paper at the line, a a result of his paper at the line, a control of his paper at the line and a result of his paper at the lin

Staunton. Thursday Casey called at the postoffice for a letter addressed to Sam Casey, and was told there was no mall. To-day he called for his mall, and was handed two decoy letters written by chief of police of Lynchburg, one addressed to Sam Casey and the other to Charles Technology Lync as Feed letters were hand-

Johnston. Just as these letters were handed him Policeman Holt was on the scene and arested him.

Casey is now being held for the Lynchburg authorities.

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 22.—Chief of Police Pendleton left this afternoon for Staunton to bring Casey back here.

GERMANY HAS NEW HEAD OF TREASURY

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, August 22,-It is announced that Baron von Stengel, the Bayarian

that Baron von Stengel, the Bawarian plenipotentiary in the Bundesrath, has been appointed secretary of the treasury, in succession to Baron von Thielmann, who has resigned owing to the diffuulties connected with carrying out the reforms in the imperial finances.

Von Thielmann's retirement appears to have been due to his lack of ingenuity in finding fresh sources of revenue and ways to conomize. His usual expedient was to place a fresh loan, in order to balance the budget. Imperial threes vose fractionally to-day, which was attributed by some newspapers to Von Thielmann's leaving the finance ministry. His budget statement, in which he said he believed

MOTHER CONFESSES

various States, was badly received.

KILLED WITH A SHOTGUN

The Result of a Quarrel in Franklin County.

HODGES SHOOTS HALL

The Slayer Comes to Rocky Mount and Gives Himself Up to the Law-The Wounded Man Lived Only

ROCKY MOUNT, VA., August 23.-Alex thot fatally John W. Hall yesterday in the neighborhood of Gogginsville. It is understood that Hall was drinking and with Hodges and threatened

FATAL SHOT.

TO RAISE THE PRICE TO RENTERS

Virginia to Get More for Oyster Lands.

DOLLAR AN ACRE NOW THE MAXIMUM

Much as Ten for Hers.

Rhode Island Charges as

THE STATISTICS AS TO OTHER STATES

of Oyster Rock, Derives More Rev nue from Their Rental than Does Virginia-Legislators Learning Much About Perplexing Problem.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 19.-Although it is well settled that the spedal committee of members of the Gen rable area barren and recommend that nould pay a higher rental.

his life.

FATAL SHOT.

Later it is reported he came to the home of Hodges, who shot him through the breast with a heavy charge from a shotgun, the charge entering just above the left nipple.

The wounded man lived only a few hours.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

Hodges came to Rocky Mount to-day and gave himself up, and was committed to jall, confessing to murder.

CONTRACTOR RESTRAINED

FROM COMPLETING WORK

(By Associated Press.)

CHATTANOGGA, TENN., August 22.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day the National Home for Disabled Soldiers filed a bill against J. E. Parish, a concited on the Nousland Branch, near Johnson City, Tenn.

The bill also seeks to enjom Parrish from disregarding the notice of annulment, which was served August 15th. The ground of annulment alleged is that he falled to prosecute the work diligentity, Judge Clark issued a restraining order and set the hearing for September 14th.

MISS ANTHONY AGAIN

WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Associated Press.)

the limits of the rented to planters area which should be rented to planters.

It will report affirmatively, While the report will grobably not touch on the question of increasing the rental of ground to planters, or of increasing the cost of tongers' license, the members of the committee have heard all that was said and they will have become pretty familiar with conditions in the syster country by the time their tour of investigation shall have been completed.

Mr. Richard Armstrong of Hampton, a very extensive planter whom I have quoted before in this correspondence is rather of the opinion that the New York method of renting the system begs to the highest bidder is the best, fixing a minimum rental. An objection to it lies in the danger of wealthy men forcing the price beyond the reach of the poored class,

METHOD OF RENTING class.

As to the manner in which he land, which it is pretty well assured the Legislature, acting on the recommendation of the committee, will open to the plant-